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GLAD IT'S OVER.

President McKinley Pleased that Congress Finished Its Work.

General Satisfaction With the Changed Attitude of Germany.

President McKinley frankly expresses his pleasure that the Congress which ends tomorrow has acted so as to make an immediate extra session of the next Congress unnecessary, and as frankly expresses the opinion that circumstances in the Philippines and elsewhere, are likely to make it advisable to call Congress together in advance of the regular session.

The Congress about to expire has not been without its faults, but the faults have been more of individuals, the speeches of some of whom are believed to have been the direct cause of every drop of American blood that has been or will be shed by the Filipinos, than of the entire body. The tariff legislation of this Congress gave the country its present property, and its war legislation was as a whole thoroughly patriotic, and much of its general legislation has been important and beneficial to the country in its tendencies. It will be known in history as the Spanish war Congress, and, with few exceptions, its members have reason to be proud of the record they have made.

The act providing for the taking of the next census, just signed by the President, makes the Census Bureau a branch of the Interior Department, but the Superintendent of the Census exclusive power in making appointments. The 300 supervisors must, however, be confirmed by the Senate. There is quite a lively competition for the position of Superintendent.

Senator Chandler presented a report from the committee on Privileges and Elections, exonerating Senator Hanna from the charge of bribery. The report says in part: "There is no proof submitted either that Mr. Hanna was elected Senator through bribery, or that he had any agents engaged in carrying on his canvass for the Senate who were directly or indirectly authorized by him to resort to corrupt methods or to any form of wrong doing."

The government of Germany this week put an end to all talk about its being unfriendly to us, by ordering its war ships out of Philippine waters and officially asking this government to take charge of German interests in the Philippines. This act gave general satisfaction in Washington. President McKinley promptly accepted the task of looking after the business of Germans in the Philippines. There has been no doubt in official circles of the genuineness of Germany's official professions of friendliness towards us, but there has been some indelicacy of a hot-headed German naval officer might produce a conflict in Philippine waters that would force the two nations into war. This is all happily ended now, and Congress can go home confident that all danger of foreign complications in the Philippines has disappeared.

The new army bill provides all the men likely to be needed for the next two years, and for that reason alone was it accepted. Had it failed, an immediate extra session of the Fifty-sixth Congress would have been absolutely necessary, and that President McKinley and all the Republican leaders in Congress wished to avoid, for obvious reasons. Aside from providing the men, the army bill contains much that is unsatisfactory, but all its defects can be remedied by army legislation by the next Congress, which will be Republican in both branches, and which will follow whatever recommendations President McKinley may make in regard to legislation, either for the army or for other purposes. Publicly, the Democratic Senators who agreed to the army bill as it now is because they feared to assume the responsibility of forcing an extra session pretend to regard themselves as victors, but actually they are much chagrined because this bill didn't fail. They desired an immediate extra session because they hoped that the administration might thereby be embarrassed in carrying out its policy in the Philippines, but they lacked the nerve to force it. That is the whole story in a nutshell.

The House Democratic caucus, by adopting an anti-expansion resolution, has again demonstrated the correctness of the diagnosis of the party made years ago by Gen. Grant, who used to say that the Democratic party could always be depended upon to do the wrong thing. They could not have pleased Republicans better than they did when they adopted that resolution, and if the National Dem-

ocratic convention of next year will only put that un-American resolution into its platform. President McKinley will have a walk-over in his campaign for re-election. But Republican success is certain, next year, regardless of what the opposition does or leaves undone.

The Nicaragua canal amendment to the River and Harbor bill, as finally adopted, does not provide for the entire construction of the canal, but it provides for beginning the work, which practically amounts to the same thing, as there is no probability that it will be abandoned after it once gets started.

Probate Court.

Will of Nancy E. Runk filed.
James H. Sellers appointed admr of Grover O. Sellers.
Will of Philemon F. Spencer filed.
Sarah E. Stroup appointed admr with will annexed of Chas. Stroup.
Levi Mills, assignee of Diannah V. West, filed first and final account and resignation.

E. J. West appointed Trustee of the estate of Diannah V. West.

Sarah Jane Davidson adjudged insane. Charles Bowles, exr of John Bowles, filed petition to sell real estate.

Anna Parry, gdn of Donald G. Parry, filed report of private sale of real estate. E. M. Johnson, gdn of Pearl K. Daughters, filed inventory.

G. A. Ladd appointed admr de bonis non with will annexed of Gerald Ladd. Daniel Murphy, assignee of Frank Lacy, filed statement of claims presented.

Will of Robert S. McCoppin probated. Jessie Robbins, admr de bonis non of Jessie Robbins, filed report of private sale of personal property.

T. B. Custer appointed gdn of Commodore Custer et al.

Ira McLaughlin, exr of Neely McLaughlin, filed second final account.

Assignment of Mary A. Bowers to John Strain lifted and order to sell real estate set aside.

Will of Mary E. Runk probated.

P. O. Daughters, admr of John Daughters, filed first and final account.

James M. Johnson filed petition to remove John D. Wright as admr of estate of Joseph A. Wright.

J. O. Terwilliger, exr of Mary E. Terwilliger, filed first and final account.

R. T. Hough, admr of Geo. W. Miller, filed first and final account.

Minnie Davidson adjudged insane and ordered conveyed to Athens asylum.

Sarah J. Sellers appointed gdn of Henry M. Sellers et al.

John Q. Fenner appointed exr of Nancy E. Runk.

Augusta Edwards appointed gdn of Harry B. Edwards.

Austin Ferneau, exr of Joseph Ferneau, filed inventory.

Orland Earl, gdn of LeRoy Earl et al, filed second and final account.

John Q. Roads appointed admr of Rachel E. Roads.

James M. Butter appointed admr of Richard H. Butter.

Action of Republican Central Committee Arranging for Spring Primaries.

Be it resolved by the Republican Central Committee of Highland county, Ohio, that the spring primaries for 1899, of the Republican party of said county for township, corporation and special school districts be called at such time and places as the member or members of said Central Committee in each township may indicate, and said member or members are authorized to call same, except in Liberty township where the Republican Executive Committee of said county is hereby authorized and empowered to call said township, corporation and special school district primaries for Liberty township and Hillsboro.

In all townships, outside of Liberty, which is heretofore provided for, the said member or members of said Central Committee to have power to call primaries for the township and for any corporation or special school district situate in his or their townships.

Persons eligible to vote at said primaries shall be the Republicans who supported the Republican ticket, State, district and county in the fall of 1898, or persons declaring themselves to be Republicans and arriving at age since last election, also women of the Republican faith in special school district primaries.

The said member or members of the Central Committee and said Executive Committee are also authorized and empowered, if they think best, to select a chairman, secretary and assistant secretary for said primaries, who shall be the judges thereof, or the said selection of said officers may be left by said member or members of the Central Committee and said Executive Committee to the convention.

February 25th, 1899.
W. A. ORANGE, JOHN E. JOLLY,
Pres. Secy.

OUR SCISSORS.

Facts and Fancies Not Local But Nevertheless of Local Interest.

Religion and Paganism in Adams County.—Perils of Parachute Practice.

COMMERCIAL VANDALISM.

The largest tree ever grown in Greene county was felled today on the farm of Matthew Berryhill, near Bellbrook. The first log from the tree is nine feet in diameter at the butt and is seven feet at smaller end. No wagon in the country was strong enough to haul the log and it had to be transported over the snow. The tree was a famous landmark and the scene of a famous Indian treaty in an early day. The oak will be quartered and will be converted into some valuable lumber.—State Journal.

THE CHURCH MILITANT.

A big revival has been in progress at what is known as Ragged Chapel, away up in Meigs township, for several weeks, and if we may judge by reports from that quarter they are having a "hot old time," and in using this term we mean no disrespect. There seems to be a feud between the Grooms and Hunt families, and at recent meeting representatives of the factions engaged in a regular knock-down fight just outside of the church, the quarrelling taking place within the house during the services. When the pugilists retired to fight they were followed by nearly the entire congregation, and after the conclusion of the fight, all returned to the church and services were resumed.—Adams County New Era.

A CLOSE CALL.

Little Jack Casel made his second attempt at a balloon ascension last Monday. The hour set was 2 o'clock, but the wind was too high and he was compelled to wait until 5 o'clock. The balloon was nicely inflated and every thing bid fair to be a nice ascension and drop, but when it had arisen to a height of about 150 feet it burst. Jack had trouble in cutting loose, and when he did finally get loose, his parachute did not open until within about 40 feet of the ground. He hit good and hard on the flat of his back in H. J. Thomas' garden, but escaped serious injury. It is the rule that balloons burst when highly inflated in cold weather, so there was no exception to the general rule. Jack gave his reason for dropping head-first, as follows: "I have a game leg and when I left the balloon I did not think I was high enough for the parachute to open, but as the 'machine' burst, I had to cut loose to keep the ropes from tangling. To have stuck to the balloon would have been death or severe injury, so I took chances head down, because I would rather have been killed outright than crippled for life."—Manchester Oor. Defender.

OLD APPREHENSION.

Guy R. Johnson, of Mt. Carmel, while tearing down an old house last week stumbled onto some old relics, among which was a large demijohn full of applejack. From the date on it, it is believed that the whisky was made in 1803. The demijohn was wrapped in one of the old time quilts, which fell to pieces when lifted up.—Batavia Oor. Enquirer.

ONLY MORTALS DIE.

Word has been received from Champaign, Ill., that Jacob N. Free, the "Immortal J. N." who has been reported at death's door from cancer of the throat, is slowly recovering and will soon be around again. "J. N." insisted that he would not die, and being one of the immortals he probably knew what he was talking about.—New Lexington Tribune.

PROSPECTIVE SPRING POSTRY.

On last Sunday afternoon "Dick Coffin" was the lucky recipient of a hall permit good for thirty-five days. Now for a few verses.—O. F. News.

FOR EPICURE.

An eastern canning factory is making arrangements for the canning of crawfish. They are said to make delicious food. It used to be a boyish pastime to catch the little fellows and roast them on stones, while fishing. They make a very delicate morsel, but a number of them are required for a bite, as they run mostly to shell and claws. They are much more delicate than a lobster, and not nearly so strong and fishy. Should the eastern project turn out well it is probable that western streams would be called upon for supplies, as no single water course affords them in any considerable quantity, though possibly they might be cultivated. If you have never

eaten a crawfish, try a mess sometime. —Cincinnati Courier.

POSSIBLE GENERALS.

Congressman Fenton has recommended Earl Keyes, of this place, for the West Point cadetship. As alternate he named Fred Moulton, son of Capt. C. W. Moulton, of Ironton. The examination will be held next June.—Winchester Herald.

SABINA'S REGULARS.

Four members of Co. M, Third Regiment, are now on their way to Manila. Thomas and Marion Bennett, of Melvin, John Coons, who worked here on the standpipe and enlisted with the Co. when they went south, and another member from Dayton who joined the Co. after they had gone south. These boys enlisted in the Seventeenth Regulars at Columbus and went recently with a battalion, which went via N. Y. and San Francisco to the new territory.—Sabina News-Record.

Hillsboro Republican Corporation Convention.

To the qualified Republican voters of the village of Hillsboro, Ohio:

The qualified Republican voters of Hillsboro corporation will meet on Thursday, March 16th, 1899, between the hours of 4 and 7 p. m. at the Council Chamber in said corporation for the purpose of nominating candidates for the following corporation offices to be voted for at the coming spring election:

Three Members of Council, long term. One Member of Council, short term. One Water Works Trustee.

The voting to be by ballot, and the person receiving the highest number of votes to be the nominee. The eligibility of voters to be as prescribed in arrangement of Republican County Central Committee for spring primaries which appears in another column, and to which reference is here made. By order Executive Committee.

T. H. LANGLEY, W. H. WALKER,
Secretary, Chairman.

Liberty Township Primary.

The qualified Republican voters of Liberty township, Highland county, Ohio, will meet on Saturday, March 11th, 1899, between the hours of 2 and 6 p. m., for the purpose of nominating candidates for the following township offices to be voted for at the coming spring election:

One Trustee. One Justice of the Peace. One Constable. One Assessor, North Precinct. One Assessor, South Precinct. One Treasurer.

Voters of the Southwest and Southeast precincts will vote at the Council Chamber, and voters of the Northeast and Northwest precincts will vote at the Board of Election room, Court House.

The voting to be by ballot. The eligibility of voters to be as prescribed in arrangement of County Central Committee for spring primaries and to which reference is here made.

By order Republican Executive Committee.

T. H. LANGLEY, W. H. WALKER,
Secretary, Chairman.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

We are authorized to announce the name of Hugh J. Ervin as a candidate for Water Works Trustee subject to the decision of the Republican primary.

We are authorized to announce the name of John Arthur as a candidate for Assessor in the South Precinct, Liberty township, subject to the decision of the Republican primary.

We are authorized to announce the name of Frank Leslie as a candidate for Township Trustee, subject to the decision of the Republican primary.

H. H. Maddox will be a candidate for Justice of the Peace, subject to the decision of the Liberty township Republican primary.

We are authorized to announce the name of R. E. Fairley as a candidate for Treasurer of Liberty township, subject to the decision of the Republican primary.

Chas. O. Shade will be a candidate for Constable subject to the decision of the Republican primary.

Marriage Licenses.

Albert W. Landess and Clara A. Young. Alphas Lamar and Carrie Ayer. O. L. Vassant and Kittle D. Hammond. Edward M. Godfrey and Sadie Elliott. Frank L. Rose and Anna Lott. L. O. Smith and Emma H. Miller. Harry E. Foulk and Bertha I. Long. Charley Ware and Nellie Thompson. O. W. Henderson and Eliza A. Haines. Christian L. Redkey and Minnie Jones. O. G. Lowe and Eva M. Bellison.

Abolition.

Only Through Our Line is via Queen & Crescent Route and Southern Ry. from Cincinnati.

GARRISON LIFE.

What a Highland County Soldier Boy Has to Say of It.

Some of the Strange and Grievous Nights of the Cuban Capital.

HAVANA, CUBA, March 1st, 1899.

I take my pen in hand this pleasant afternoon to inform you of the doings of the 10th Regulars, and also the doings and sayings of the people of Havana.

The 10th is situated in nearly the center of the city in a beautiful park. We have good sewer drainage, and the water we use is pure and wholesome. We have plenty to eat, such as it is. The general fare is coffee, beans, bacon and bread. We have a commissary department in the regiment which gives out rations to the hungry people of Havana. It has already given out over 5,000,000 rations and has ordered 2,000,000 more. Some of the people really need the food, but some draw rations and hire a carriage to ride home in; and everyone knows as long as the U. S. feeds the Cubans they will not try to make their own living.

I have seen some beautiful sights since I landed in Havana, and I have seen some sights that were horrible to look upon. Only day before yesterday the guard brought to the guard-house a big negro, who was mad or crazy, and the way he tore around was terrible. He had no clothes on except a pair of thin cotton trousers, and the guard had his hands tied. He would fall on the hard ground till he was bruised and bleeding all over, and foam at the mouth and try to bite the guard; and the way he would beg and plead to get loose was awful.

Another awful sight is the graveyards of the poor. The first thing that strikes the eye is a high stone wall. Mount to the top of this wall and look downward and you see thousands of human bones. That is the bad part of the cemetery. The rest is very nice and they have some very beautiful monuments.

We left Columbus, Ohio, on Sunday and arrived here the next Saturday evening. We traveled by rail as far as Savannah, where we boarded the transport, Manitoba. We intend to move across the harbor in a few days, then we will be close to Morro Castle.

ESTEL R. CARR,

Private Co. E, 10th U. S. Inf'y.

Highlanders in Colorado.

One of the prettiest weddings of the season occurred at the beautiful home of Mr. and Mrs. E. Worthington Cox, 1414 North Nevada avenue, Tuesday evening at six o'clock. Mr. Leslie D. Arthur, a cousin of the hostess, and Miss Bertha Peele were united in marriage. Dr. W. H. W. Boyle was the officiating clergyman, using the ring service which was very impressive and beautiful. Miss Louise Cox was ring bearer.

Miss Peele is the popular teacher of history and English in the Central High School in Pueblo. The groom is well known here in business circles, having been book-keeper for Mr. Durkee for several years, but is now secretary of the Woods Investment Company, of Victor, Colo.

The handsome home of Mr. and Mrs. Cox was tastefully decorated with potted plants and cut flowers. After the happy couple, with their guests, numbering 14, sat down to a handsomely appointed dinner. Amid showers of rice and many good wishes Mr. and Mrs. Arthur took the 9:45 Santa Fe train for Pueblo, and will go a little later to Southern California. After their return they will be at home to their friends at Victor, Colo. Mr. and Mrs. Arthur were formerly from New Vienna, Ohio.—Colorado Springs Gazette, February 24.

See Gully Curves.

About half way between Cumberland and Martinsburg on the Second Division of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad is a picturesque spot known as Doe Gully. There is quite a little hill at this point that the road goes through and the approaches to this tunnel include several reverse curves. The Company has been engaged for the past two months in removing these curves and reducing the grades. The chief engineer says that the improvement will do away with one of the most objectionable pieces of track on the Second Division since seven curves were eliminated, and will remove four reverse curves. It will not only make a much better riding track for fast trains but materially assist the west-bound freights in climbing this grade.

Farmers, when in town call and see our binders and mowers. We have some points to show you that no other machine has, with which you will be very much pleased. ROADS, LUCAS & MILLER.

FRATRICIDE.

Isaac Armentrout Accused of Murdering His Brother Charles.

Tragic Result of a Day's Debauch. Preliminary Examination Being Held Today.

Isaac Armentrout, as we go to press, is undergoing a preliminary examination at Lynchburg charged with the murder of his brother Charles, whose body was found Sunday in the muddy waters of Dodson creek.

The Armentrouts were in Hillsboro Saturday and drank considerably before boarding the evening train for Lynchburg. They were seen to start home together from the railway station there. Later in the evening Isaac reached home and awakened his brother and his sister-in-law told them Charley was drowned.

His actions were so peculiar that suspicion was aroused and a search revealed the body of the drowned man. There was much circumstantial evidence pointing to murder and leading to the belief that Isaac had pushed his brother into the stream. A warrant was accordingly issued for Isaac but he had flown.

He was traced to the Medford-Fox neighborhood, but when the constable attempted to arrest him took to his heels, another fact that looks unfavorable. He was finally captured, however, and taken to Lynchburg, where an inquest was held Monday evening, presided over by Acting Coroner Overbaugh. The testimony was such as to create a general belief that Isaac Armentrout is guilty of fratricide.

While the inquest was being held a little child of the dead man found a pocketbook in the cushion of a chair on which the accused sat after reaching home the night of the tragedy. The widow at once identified it as one belonging to her husband and which she had given him Saturday morning prior to the departure of the brothers for Hillsboro.

Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock was set for the preliminary hearing and County Prosecuting Attorney I. McD. Smith went to Lynchburg to attend. The examination had not finished when the hour for dinner arrived and is being continued this afternoon.

The case looks pretty dark for the accused who claims he will succeed in proving an alibi. It is generally believed he will be held to the Grand Jury without bail.

Republican Primaries.

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP.

The Republican electors of Washington tp. will meet at Berryville on Saturday, March 11th, 1899, between 4 and 5 o'clock p. m., to nominate candidates to be voted for at the coming spring election.

CHAS. HARPER, Committeeman.

WHITEOAK TOWNSHIP.

The Republicans of Whiteoak township will meet at Mowrytown on March 17th from 3 to 5 p. m., to nominate candidates to be voted for at the April election.

L. P. DRUHOT, Committeeman.

MARSHALL TOWNSHIP.

Notice is hereby given to the Republican electors of Marshall township that there will be a primary election held at Marshall on Thursday, March 16, from 3 to 4 o'clock, to nominate a township ticket to be voted for April 3d.

By order Committee.

UNION TOWNSHIP.

The Republican voters of Union township, Highland county, Ohio, will meet at Willettsville on Wednesday, March 25th, 1899, at 4:30 p. m., for the purpose of nominating candidates to be voted for at the coming April election.

W. A. ORANGE, Committeeman.

PENN TOWNSHIP.

The Republicans of Penn township, Highland county, Ohio, will meet at Samantha on Saturday, March 18, 1899, at one o'clock, p. m., for the purpose of nominating candidates for the following township offices to be voted for at the coming spring election: one trustee, one treasurer, one assessor, one justice of the peace.

C. F. UNDERWOOD, Committeeman.

Farm for Sale.

The farm consists of 65 acres of fine land, splendidly located, being only one mile and a half from Lynchburg. House of 6 rooms, barn 40x50, wagon shed, buggy house, good well, spring and spring house, good orchard. If not sold by April 1st, same will be for rent.

Address, D. THOUTWILL, Lynchburg, O.